YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PROJECT GRANTS

Young Adult Ministry Project Grants are used to support local projects that offer Unitarian Universalist young adults opportunities to grow in faith, deepen in spirit, develop skills, experience leadership, and engage in service and justice work. Grants are available under the following programs, which are geared toward developing dynamic, multigenerational communities.

Grant Programs

Reusable Projects
Looking for a service project plan or discussion guide that doesn’t exist? Why not create it? Reusable Projects grants are given for activities which produce resources or write-ups that can be used by other young adults and communities. With reusable resources, we multiply the efforts of our youth ministry projects. $500 maximum.

Campus Ministry
Campus ministries are one important form of young adult ministry, serving students on college and university campuses. Though we encourage that all grant proposals be developed with students, these grants are specifically reserved for great initiatives generated by students. $500 maximum.

Big Ideas
Just like the title would suggest, Big Ideas grants are used to support innovative and inspiring new ideas for UU young adults. Proposals should directly connect their plan to a vision of young adult ministry. Dream big, think bold, the sky’s the limit! And if your new group or project is designed to bring UUs together in covenanted community, check out Emerging Ministries resources: www.uua.org/emerging. No maximum.

How proposals are evaluated

In addition to general thoughtfulness and cohesion, the following standards will be used to evaluate proposals:

Grassroots support
Grants are most effective when they launch or enhance dynamic initiatives developed by and for young adults. Projects that tap into the energy of young adult communities and the issues and activities that excite them will receive priority.

Return on investment
With limited resources available for grants, projects that have matching support from groups like congregations and regions, are used to remove significant programming obstacles, enhance capacity or provide the foundation for future programs will receive priority. Projects sponsored by UUA Fair Share congregations will be given additional consideration.

Accountability to historically marginalized groups
These groups, traditionally underserved in our denomination and our communities, are important to keep at the forefront of our ministry. Projects which serve traditionally marginalized groups, including LGBTQ young adults, racial or ethnic minorities, young adults who are differently abled, and young adults affected by addiction, abuse, assault, economic hardship, involvement with the criminal justice system, etc. will be given priority.
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION
INFORMATION

In addition to your application form, please complete and submit the following.

1. Summary of your project in brief, narrative form. Be sure to include:
   a. Goals and accountability – What is the goal of your project and how will you know it was accomplished?
   b. Background – What is the story behind your proposal?
   c. Plan – Describe the actions that your proposal entails, when they will happen, and who is responsible for each action.
   d. Relevance - how this project will help the young adults involved to grow in faith, deepen in spirit, develop skills, learn, and serve Unitarian Universalist communities.

2. Estimated budget that includes both income and expenses. Applications must include a sponsoring organization to act as the fiscal agent for the grant.

3. Letter of support from a minister, religious educator, or UUA congregational life staff member. This may be submitted separately.

4. Any relevant supporting documentation of your project, such as photographs, historical information, mission statements, data, etc.

Submission Options

Mail: Unitarian Universalist Association
      ATTN: Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries -
      Young Adult Project Grants
      24 Farnsworth St
      Boston, MA 02210-1409

Email: ya-cm@uua.org

Fax: 617-948-6473

Grant Application Deadlines

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries accepts grant applications on a rolling basis. Submit yours today!

Questions?

Please contact Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director Bart Frost at bfrost@uua.org or (617) 948-4359.

We look forward to reading your project proposal!
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Amount Requested: $ ____________________
For program beginning (date): ____________________
Project Title: ____________________

Grant Program (select one):
☐ Reusable Projects ☐ Campus Ministry ☐ Big Ideas

Project Coordinator*
Name: ____________________
Email: ____________________
Phone: ____________________
Address/City/St/Zip: ____________________

* If there is more than one coordinator involved in the project, please attach a separate list.

Sponsoring Organization/Congregation (if applicable)
Name: ____________________
Address: ____________________
City/St/Zip: ____________________
Fed ID#: ____________________

Treasurer of Sponsoring Organization/Congregation
Name: ____________________
Address: ____________________
City/St/Zip: ____________________
Phone: ____________________
Email: ____________________

All correspondence will be sent via email to the Project Coordinator(s). If you prefer regular mail, please check here: ☐

Signatures
Project Coordinator: ____________________ Date: ____________________
Treasurer: ____________________ Date: ____________________

Don’t forget to include your project summary, budget, letter of support, and other attachments!

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Received: ____________________ APF Fair Share: ____________________ Approved / Declined
Date Letter Sent: ____________________ Date Check Sent: ____________________